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SECRETARY JARDINE ON 4-H CLUB WORK

Secretary W. M. Jardine is a staunch supporter of 4-H club work for farm boys and girls. He has great faith in the future of the movement. He sees in it a powerful influence for a self-sustaining agriculture and satisfying country life now and in the future.

In his annual report for 1926, Secretary Jardine says with reference to boys' and girls' 4-H clubs:

"One of the important functions of the State agricultural colleges and the department is to keep farm boys and girls in touch with the best in rural life and develop leadership, community responsibility, and good citizenship. This is largely accomplished through 4-H clubs organized by the extension service. In 1925 there were 41,286 of these local clubs in which 565,046 farm boys and girls were enrolled. * * *

"Large as this enrollment is, only one in twenty rural boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 is receiving the instruction, training, and helpful guidance to which all are entitled. Many farm boys and girls are not attending school. To reach a larger proportion of the boys and girls in the country, a program for the systematic development and expansion of 4-H club work has been adopted. This program contemplates encouraging county agricultural and home demonstration agents to interest more boys and girls in 4-H club activities where this is possible without decreasing their work with adults, or to employ an assistant agent or club agent to give their full time to farm boys and girls."

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THE GOAL

In 4-H Clubs	Not members of 4-H clubs

There are about 11,000,000 rural boys and girls in the United States between the ages of 10 and 18. About one out of twenty is in a 4-H club. Let's get the other 19.

Does the Secretary approve of club products? Man, he eats 'em! Not so many days ago he was "luncheon-ed" at the Grace Dodge Hotel, along with Director Warburton, Doctor Smith, Mr. Farrell, Mr. Turner, and Dr. Louise Stanley, to partake of roast beef from the prize-winning steer which Eugene Haffziger, club member of Tazewell County, Ill., showed at the International Livestock Exposition. The Grace Dodge had bought the prize winner to furnish beef for the holiday-week menus. The Secretary wrote Gene about the luncheon, congratulating him on his success and inclosing a photograph of the luncheon table. Gene, in reply sent a picture of Buster, the prize baby beef, taken when Buster was 11 months old and Gene was past 15.

SPEAKING OF ENROLLMENT Ohio club leaders report that "Four out of every five of the 28,229 Ohio farm boys and girls who enrolled in 4-H clubs last spring, officially completed their tasks this fall."

Of the 7,497 Nebraska boys and girls who enrolled this past year, 72.65 per cent finished what they had undertaken, down to the last required detail, according to a recent press release from the college. Enrollments increased 284 last year, and completions were 383 above those of 1923.

Georgia had an enrollment of 12,486 boys in clubs, reports G. V. Cunningham, State boys' club agent, an increase of 1,723 over the previous year. The boys who grew cotton averaged 1,169 pounds of seed cotton per acre.

Kansas reports that boys and girls in 75 counties carried on club work last year. They had 528 clubs and enrolled about 9,000 members, making a completion record of 74 per cent.

After two years under a new law which provides for a club agent in each county to assist the county agent and home demonstration agent, New Hampshire's State club leader, C. B. Wadleigh, adds up the columns and finds-

Enrollment in clubs increased 50 per cent.
Number of club members completing increased 100 per cent.
Communities reached increased 20 per cent.
Number of clubs organized increased 66 per cent.
Volunteer local leaders increased 76 per cent.

CAN YOU BEAT IT? Maine wants to know if there is any other county than Franklin County, Me., which has 10 clubs that finished 100 per cent this year, with all 14 clubs in the county finishing 95.3 per cent of the 236 projects undertaken? This county won the State club cup offered by the Maine State farm bureau federation to the county in which the highest quality of club work was conducted. The whole State of Maine is justly proud of a most successful year, the most successful, they feel. Of the 4,338 projects undertaken, 3,003 were completed, or 69.2 per cent.

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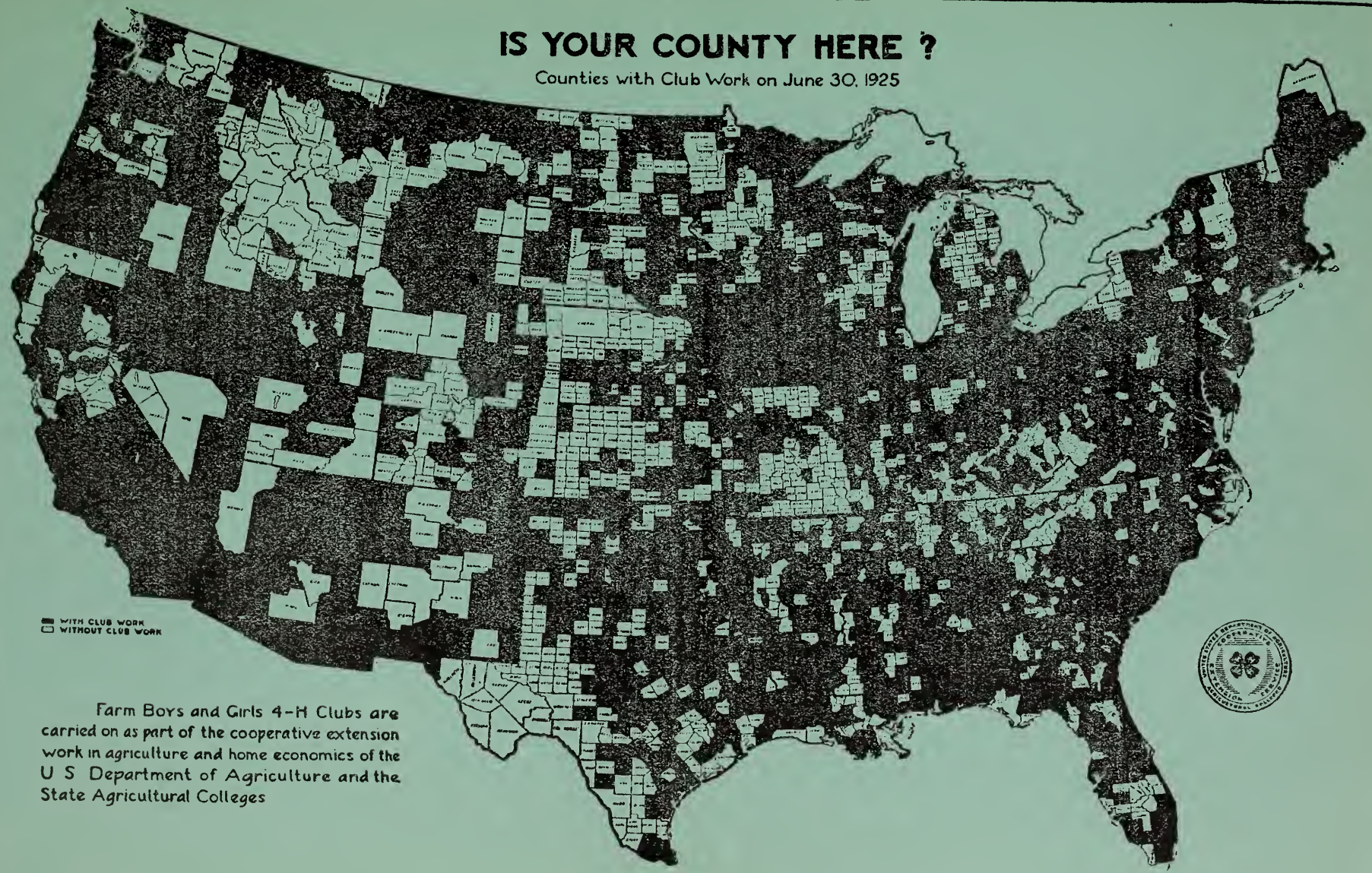
IS YOUR COUNTY HERE ?

Counties with Club Work on June 30, 1925



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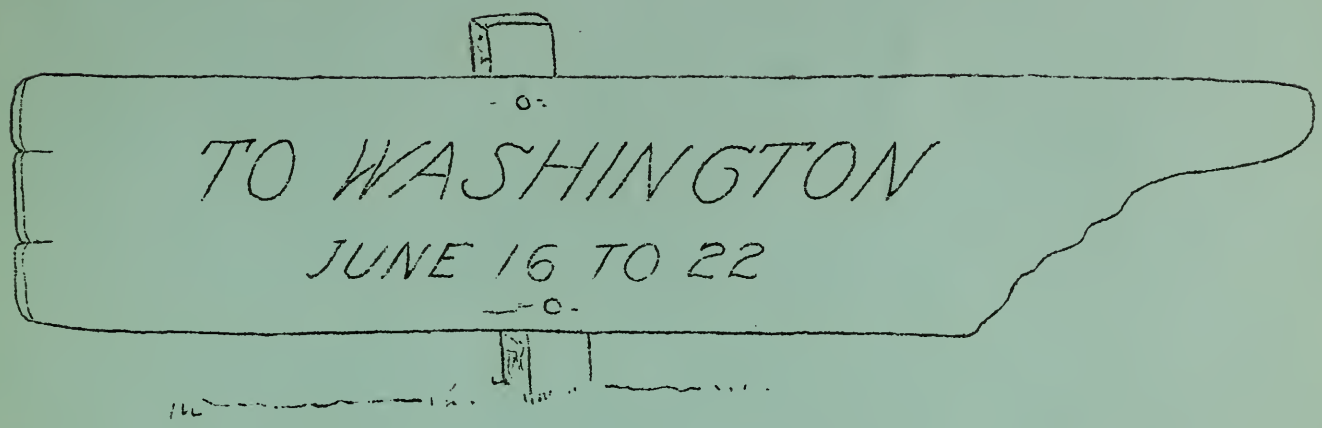

THE ROLL OF HONOR An official roll of honor recognizing the outstanding 4-H club achievement of the club members selected to attend the national club camp has been established. Each State, therefore, regardless of whether financial provision has been made for sending its representatives to the camp, should select the two boys and two girls who are its most outstanding club members as soon as possible and certify their names to the Washington office so that the club members entitled to it may have this recognition.

The Washington office, also, can make good press use of photographs of the delegates selected and a short statement of their achievements. The group of boys and girls at the national camp will represent a greater aggregation of substantial 4-H club achievement than any group ever assembled at one time or place in the history of club work.

HOW THE PLANS ARE COMING ON A. J. Brundage of Connecticut has the mode of travel doped out for the Nutmeg State's delegation. Details of delegates and funds are underway. Coming down to the Capital the delegation is to split, but not in the way frowned upon by politicians. One half is to drive down to Washington by automobile with Mr. and Mrs. Brundage and camp over night on the way; the other half will come down by night train with Miss Elsie Trabue, assistant State club leader. Going back, the two halves will change places, the automobilists taking the sleeper and the "railroaders" stepping on the gas.

State club leaders M. H. Coe of Kansas, P. J. Scarboro of South Dakota, P. C. Taff of Iowa, and E. I. Pilchard of Illinois report digging in on ways-and-means, not to mention who's who. Minnesota club boys and girls are financing their delegation, themselves, each club member sharing a bit in the event in this way, says their State club leader T. A. Erickson. Michigan and North Dakota club members are getting excited over what they have heard about the camp at recent conferences.

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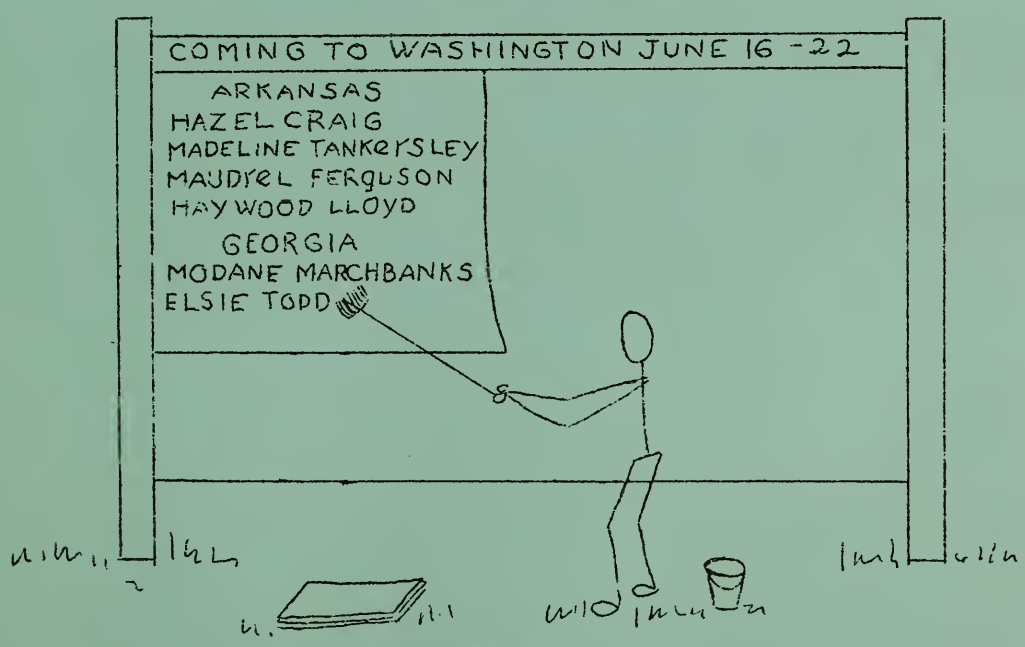
WHO IS GOING TO WASHINGTON? Georgia steps forward with the names of the two club girls who have been chosen to represent their State at the National Camp: Modane Marchbanks of Hall County and Elsie Todd of Clarke County. Modane Marchbanks has been a club member for four years. She has "gardened" and canned her way each year to the Fifth District A. and M. School where she is now a senior, and she intends to go to college by the same method if possible. This summer she canned 155 gallons of fruits, working most of the season at school but finding time while at home to put more than 200 cans of fruits on the pantry shelf for the use of the family this winter. And she is a poultry judge, the best in her district by try-out. Also she made the team in debate at school last year with 20 contestants, right along with the work she was doing on the side to help out with expenses.

Elsie Todd began club work in 1920 with a one-twentieth acre garden. She doesn't think much of her first year's accomplishments, but she was determined to win, and the next year results were better. Since then there has been occasional drought and other troubles but always the encouragement of the club to help over the hard places. By her fourth year she had become a "regular" gardener, cultivating an acre of vegetables and adding enough to her bank account to cover school expenses, and the garden is still helping with the bills. She has been president of the girls' home demonstration council organized in Clarke County three years ago.

Arkansas reported last month. Whose names can we post next?



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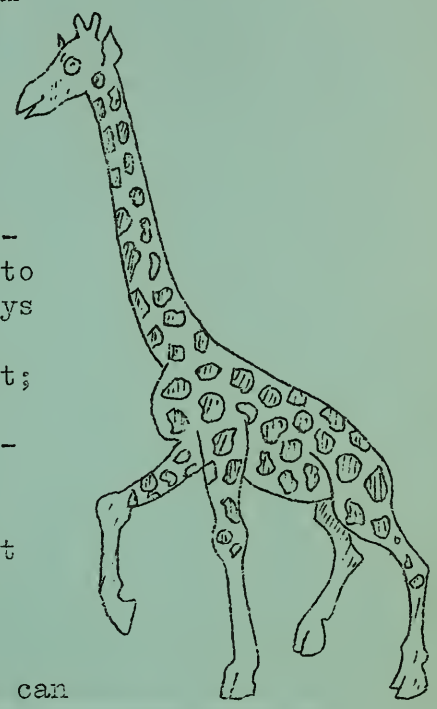
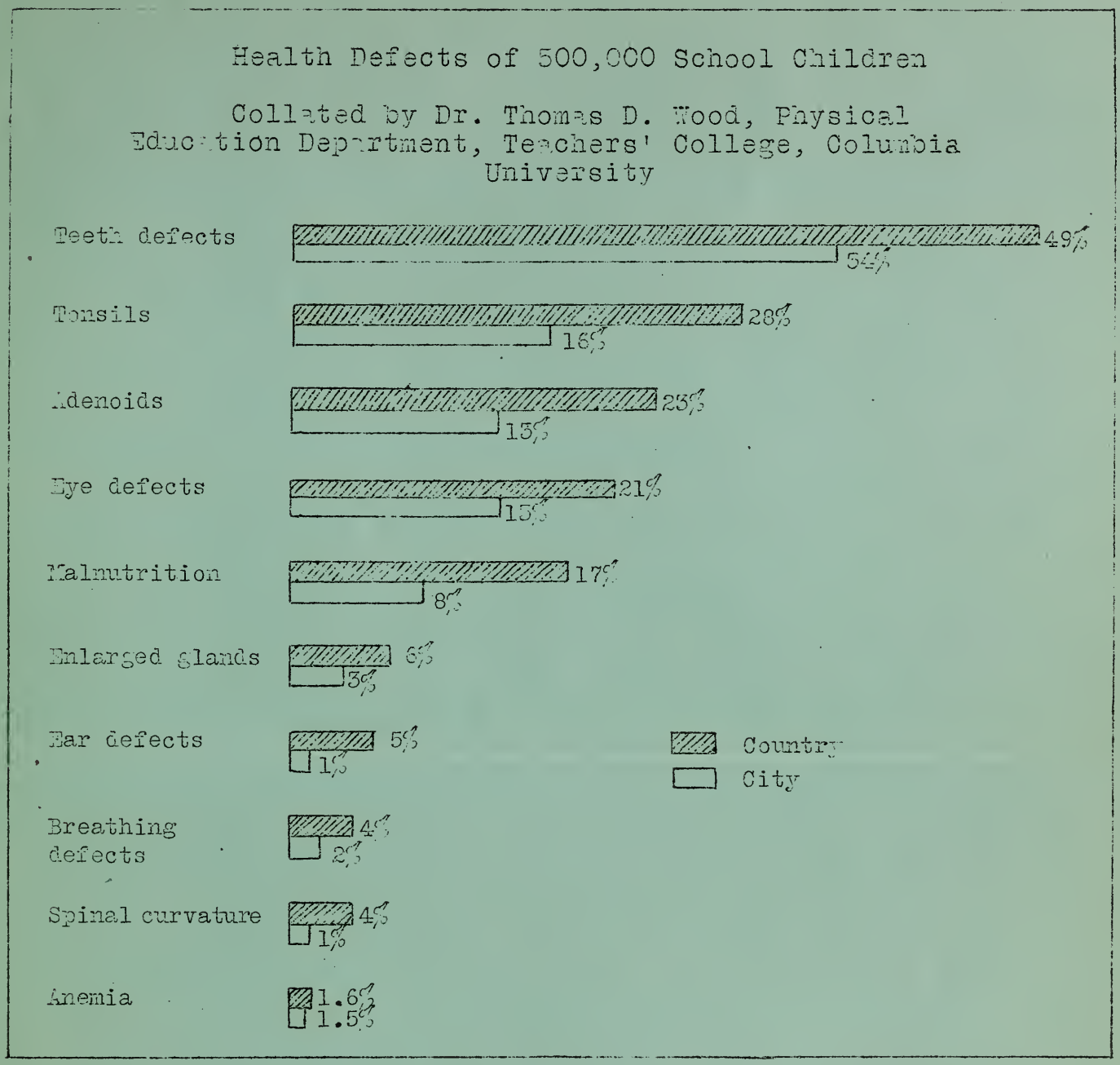
ON THE PROGRAM With satisfaction and the anticipation of much personal enjoyment, we write on the program for the national club camp that on Saturday, June 18, Dr. William M. Mann, director of the National Zoological Park, will tell the camp about his recent expedition to East Africa in search of new members for the Zoo family. Doctor Mann's arrival in this country last October with his 2,000 new animal friends was the subject of front-page articles in newspapers of Washington and of Boston, where the "ark" made port. Prosaic reporters enjoyed for a little while the romance of the 45-day voyage with this shipload of strange animals and reveled in accounts of the shoebill stork, one of the only two ever brought alive to the United States; the only five purple-faced monkeys which have visited us; an elephant shrew which has characteristics of a rat, a kangaroo, and an elephant; the two giraffes, named Hi-boy and Dot by Washington children, and who reached us "because Allah is good and wishes you to have them," according to the native governor; ratels, most powerful creatures for their size in existence; five impallas, which can jump 7 or 8 feet without the slightest apparent effort - But Doctor Mann can tell us all about them and says that he will be glad to do it, that no audience would appeal to him more and that, if it is possible, he will accompany us on our tour of the Zoo park.



CAMP UNIFORMS C. B. Wadleigh, State club leader, Durham, N. H., has volunteered to be quartermaster and look after requests for the purchase of boys' and men's uniforms for the camp. Khaki-colored knickers and jacket or blouse will make it easy to pick out the 4-H club boys in Washington June 16 to 22. Details about the outfit have been sent to club headquarters in each State.

The girls will probably make their own uniforms, and the fashion reporters of Washington newspapers will no doubt be commenting next June on the fact that a large number of well-dressed girls about town are wearing white middy blouse and hat with green skirt, knickers, and tie. Pattern numbers and other important facts about the costume have also gone to State headquarters.

FARE-AND-A-HALF Word has just come that C. M. Burt, chairman of the Trunk Line Association, authorizes the announcement that the association has granted one-and-one-half fare rates for round trips to and from the national club camp June 16 to 22, on the identification-certificate plan. Details will be mailed to State extension directors soon.



The above chart was used at the Rural Youth Conference of the American Country Life Association, November, 1926. Regarding this chart, Dr. L. L. Lumsden, United States Public Health Service, said: "This does not mean that the country, which we have always looked upon as an especially healthful place to live, may not be so. Home surroundings and those of public gathering places in the country, as in the city, can and should be sanitary. Farm life offers unlimited fresh air, sunshine, and opportunity to produce an abundance of the foods that build a sound body. Why shouldn't country life be healthy? Who is better fitted for the responsibility of making and keeping it so than the alert and capable young people on the farms of to-day?"

What do you think a similar study, 10 years from now, should show?

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SOMETHING NEW is always coming up in 4-H club circles. Did you know Kansas 4-H clubbers have their own radio program, broadcast for them and their friends every Monday and Friday at 4:30 p.m. from Kansas State Agricultural College station, KSAC? The club members help with suggestions for programs and with local club news. Music is first on the program, followed by inspirational informing or entertaining talks, and club news.

Have you heard about the county fairs which club members of Middlesex County, Conn., and Haywood County, Tenn., put on? These are the only county fairs held in either county. Middlesex fair has been incorporated since 1924. All officers are now club members; at first some experienced people of the county served with the boys and girls, but as soon as the young people learned how's how, they took over the entire management. They make up the premium list, get advertising contracts enough to pay for printing, get out a crowd of something like 4,000 people, and make the fair pay for itself. Haywood County juniors' fair is only 1 year old but it started off with 600 exhibits by boys and girls and an attendance of 2,000. The young folks also provided all the amusements.

Wouldn't you like to see an exhibit stunt like the one Rockingham County, N. H., club girls recently gave? Little girls appeared for the occasion wearing dresses made by older sisters in club work.

Keep-a-Goin' Club, Mercer County, W. Va., mixes the practical with - well, something very desirable for every club member to have. This is a sample of its line. Club members learned of a 3-month-old baby in a home that was having more than its share of hard luck. On instantaneous vote the club agreed to meet the baby's wardrobe requirements and is seeing that the family is able to practice the principles of good nutrition.

Turning to a lighter vein - Rhode Island's first 4-H swimming club has been organized. It is in Providence County, has three leaders, and uses a swimming pool in Albion. A room-improvement club in this county has turned its attention to the schoolroom!

And how does the harmonica orchestra for 4-H clubs strike you? Rhode Island has several and also has issued directions for playing the harmonica and has planned harmonica contests for the State club camp. Here's four H's for the harmonica.

Young farmers' meetings threaten to become too frequent to be novel. Pennsylvania has just had one in Butler County, and New Hampshire invited more than 50 of the older boys in Sullivan County for a get-together meeting January 28.

If you are a Maryland 4-H girl in your last year in high school looking forward to college, there is a special project for you to help get ready for that new experience. It takes into account the clothing that will be needed, furnishings for the college room, management of funds, and the gathering of information which one will need about college work and college life. Then for the club girl in college is a plan for keeping the old club inspiration but in a way changed to fit one's new status. Club girls attending University of Maryland helped Dorothy Emerson, State girls' club agent, in planning the high-school girls' project.

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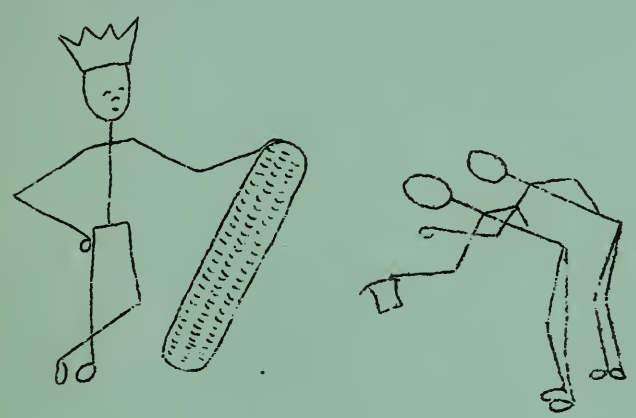

Question. What is the correct title to use in speaking of the son of the corn king?

ANSWER. The title of the son of His Majesty Peter, M. Lux, Corn King, U.S.A. is "Corn Prince." It is not an inheritable title, however, the present corn prince, Thomas M., having won it in the regulation manner on the field of battle, club corn show, International Livestock Exposition, Chicago, 1926. The corn prince grew his corn on the Lux farm, Shelby County, Ind.

L E A D I N G Local leader training conferences continue to lead in club activities. District leader training meetings on making educational programs were held in New Hampshire during December, the forerunners of subject-matter meetings planned for the near future.

West Virginia is holding a six-week winter camp at Jackson's Mill, January 17 to February 25 for "Self-development, recreation, study, and fellowship," and includes 4-H club leaders in the groups invited.

New Mexico is holding local leaders' training meetings in three counties.

COUNTIES COMPETE Counties winning in the Missouri Bankers' Association intercounty contest have been announced. Fifteen awards were made to the ranking counties in club work. Points considered in deciding the contest included individual club members' records in the county, records of the clubs in the county, distribution of club work throughout the county, and similar phases. The highest score, 911.5 out of a possible 1,000, was made by Buchanan County. St. Charles County was second, Lincoln third and Caldwell fourth. The awards are sums of money ranging from $250 to $25, given with the stipulation that they are to be used to pay expenses of boys' and girls' club members to Junior Farmers' Week at the college, the last week in April. This is the second year of the contest.

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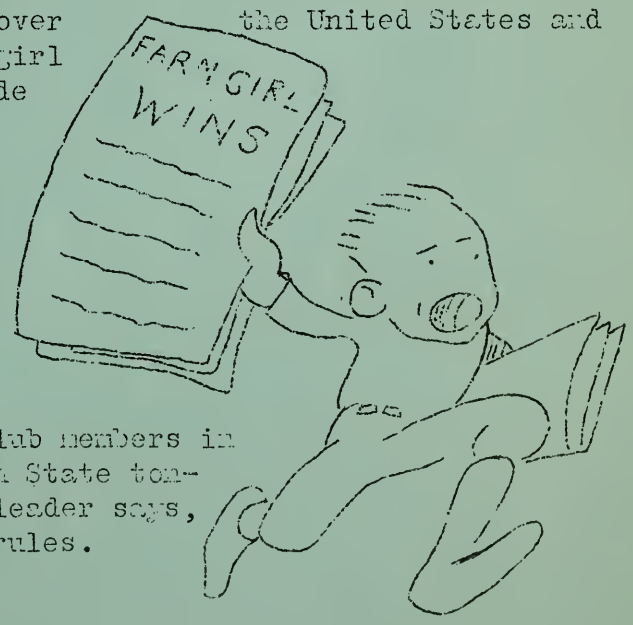
Front Page Stuff

What kind of account do club members give of themselves when they get into the "open classes"? We'll say it is a good one! Who was elected president of the boys' national organization formed of the States' boy winners of the American Youth award at the Sesquicentennial Exposition? A CLUB boy! Who won the nation-wide "fashion-fete" contest conducted this year by the Youth's Companion of Boston? A CLUB girl! Who raised three of the 10 ton-litters produced this year in North Dakota? CLUB members. Who are the young newcomers in Pennsylvania's exclusive 400 club? CLUB boys! Who won first place in the first annual Oklahoma early lamb feeding contest! A CLUB boy! Who showed the grand-champion Jersey heifer at the Western Washington Fair this fall? A CLUB girl! Who showed the sweepstakes pullet at Madison Square Garden Poultry Show this year? A CLUB girl! Of course!

That "American Youth" president elected at the Philadelphia exposition was appropriately named William Penn. But his name is not what got him his honors. Down in Upson County, Ga., Ben Hill community, a little off the main road and with rather difficult traveling to and from the center of things, now is enjoying a live community club, and every boy of club age is a hustling club member. All this is because William Penn persisted in giving to the job of starter as much time and thought as he could spare from helping his father on the farm, even though it looked as if all the work would be up-hill.

Elizabeth Elser, for three years a club member in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, competed with 855 girls from all over the United States and won the Youth's Companion contest. Each girl was under 15 years of age. Elizabeth made over an old suit by a pattern which she drafted from a picture she had seen, the total cost of the new dress being 27 cents. The dress was one of 50 chosen to be sent to Boston for display and judging at the Women's Educational and Industrial Union and was selected as the most outstanding entry.



It was just natural for the three club members in North Dakota to carry off three of the ten State ton-litter honors, H. E. Rilling, State club leader says, because they proceeded according to club rules.

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Glen Davis, club member of Alfalfa County, entered the Oklahoma early lamb feeding contest March 1 along with the regulars. On July 1 he weighed 10 of his lambs, chalked down an average of 94.2 pounds each, and carried off the trophy in feeding. He also ranked second in the State in percentage of lamb crop raised.

It is hard to break into Pennsylvania's "Four Hundred," the exclusive set of potato growers who have harvested 400 bushels of potatoes from an acre of ground. Three club boys made their debut this year by the approved club method, delivering the goods. Merritt Bardo of Lycoming County produced 432 bushels on a measured acre; Bruce Cooper of Jefferson County harvested 412.6 from his acre; and Wilbert Lance of Beaver County, 401 bushels.

Helen Schweikl, King County, Wash., club member, entered her Jersey heifer in open class as well as club class at the Western Washington Fair, Puyallup, this fall. She won the grand championship in competition with 11 senior calves in her own class and 59 entries in open classes.

Myrtie Yount's Rhode Island Red pullet traveled from Lincoln County, N. C., to Madison Square Garden Poultry Show, New York City, in December, to carry off the sweepstakes from a man who had won them so long they were a habit - 12 years! But Myrtie's pullet had the little habit of winning, too. She had done very well in the prize line at the Western North Carolina Agricultural Exposition in Asheville, not to mention being first at the Sesquicentennial poultry show.

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THE STOCK IS STILL OUT

Club livestock is again reported going to shows and to market. More than 200 baby-beef producers showed their animals in the district club round-up and sale held in connection with the Pennsylvania State Farm Products Show at Harrisburg, January 17 to 21, and 18 pens of lambs were sold in the auction for club members. Mercer County, Pa., club members held their own livestock show and sale, their fifth annual. Their calves averaged $14.84 per hundred.

The grand-champion steer at Cleveland's second annual junior livestock show (Ohio) sold for $3.75 per pound. It was an Angus, shown by Wyatt Gibbons of Washington County, Indiana, and had previously won the grand championship at the Indiana State fair.

Purebred Jerseys owned by 14 Maury County, Tenn., club members this year have won $222 in club classes and $40 in breeders' classes at the State fair, $75 at the Columbia district fair, and $21 from the American Jersey Cattle Club.

Kansas City Livestock Exchange held a series of special sales at the Kansas City stockyards this fall for baby beeves owned and fed by Kansas club members. Four hundred and fifty-five animals were sold at an average price of $12.87 a hundred.

SHORT COURSES Have held the center of the club stage in several States recently. North Dakota's, known as the Seventeenth Annual Achievement Institute, had nearly 300 club members in attendance despite untoward weather. To their week of training and adventures in learning new things, were added a spiffy banquet and club festival, a radio program by club members for the folks at home, North Dakota's first junior livestock show and sale for market classes of livestock, daily conferences of local leaders and extension agents attending the institute, and the issuance of an institute newspaper, "Flicker Tales," by a club members' editorial staff.

Iowa's short course brought 2,475 4-H boys and girls together for a week's study at college. Along with classes and lectures, they mingled the good times that are to be had only at short courses. Each afternoon at 1 o'clock the home folks tuned in on the radio to hear what had been going on. The State boys' 4-H organization held its annual meeting, electing Wilbur Plager, 19 years old, of Grundy County, president. The State girls' club officers, elected at the State fair, were installed. Esther Sietman, Marshall County, is president. They had ONE-FIFTH ACRE of banquet; at least the table tops measured that much. Professional artists gave a musical program under the direction of Tolbert Macrae, head of Iowa State College music department, for the club music-memory contest on the second day of the course, and the "4-H Club News" chronicled each day's events.

South Dakota plans for the junior short course at the State college, March 1 to 4 are about complete.

Ohio contributes this to the home-management club member: "Tell your money where to go; never ask it where it went."

CHICKENS IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN Six States sent club judging teams to Madison Square Garden Poultry Show, New York, on January 8. Connecticut succeeded in carrying off the silver cup, but 20 more points by the Maryland team would have tied the contest. The Connecticut team from New Haven County made a score of 1,360 points; Maryland's team, which included Lorrie Dyson of Prince Georges County, Jordan Dorsey of Anne Arundel County, and R. L. Spikos of Allegany County, rang in with 1,340 points. Massachusetts, Virginia, New York, and Pennsylvania teams gave the winners plenty to worry about. High individuals were Ray Houston of New York, 530 points; Adolph Luciani of Connecticut, 490 points; Janet Wilder, Connecticut, 470 points. High scores in exhibition classes were made by Adolph Luciani, Connecticut, first; Virgil Sollenberger, Pennsylvania, second; and Jordan Dorsey, Maryland, third. Club contests are getting to be pretty "hot," anyhow. There were only 300 points between first place and sixth in this contest, and look at the one at the International Livestock Show!

Then there was the Rhode Island Red pullet from North Carolina that carried off the sweepstakes of the entire show.

FOR WORK BOX AND TOOL CHEST

A new loose-leaf manual for 4-H club leaders has just been issued by New Hampshire. In it to date are four short circulars, (1) What is boys' and girls' 4-H club work? (2) How are 4-H clubs organized? (3) How are club meetings conducted? (4) What are the standards and awards for 4-H club work in New Hampshire.

Five Junior Extension bulletins published recently by New York agricultural extension service, Ithaca, are: 4-H Club Members Record books, (No. 17) First-year Homemaking; (No. 18) Foods and nutrition, elementary; (No. 19) Foods and nutrition, advanced; (No. 20) Clothing and health, elementary; (No. 21) Clothing and health, advanced. Each coverpage is illustrated by a drawing relating to the subject. Mrs. Nancy M. Roman and Hazel L. Spencer of New York extension service prepared the books.

General Announcement of Boys' and Girls' Club Work is the title of a new bulletin from Oregon (Ext. Bul. 394, 1926-1927). It tells the object and method of conducting club work, describes the kinds of enterprises Oregon boys and girls are carrying on, shows with photographic illustrations how club members work, and finishes with a brief summary of Oregon events in which club members participate.

FROM "TEEPI'S" WIGWAM COMES HEAP GOOD TALK

The 4-H Trail, by W. H. Kendrick (awarded the name "Wazateepi" at the Boys' Camp Conference, Lake Geneva; shortened to "Teepi" by West Virginia club members), in charge of West Virginia 4-H club work, was written, he says, for prospective club leaders, for fathers and mothers, and all others who are interested in 4-H club work. It talks about the study of boys and girls, about how to steer a club, and finishes with a quiverful of suggestions about the things that add to the fun, helpfulness and inspiration of 4-H club work, such as games with an application to club work, Indian customs adapted to 4-H clubs, a club play, songs and poems. It is published by Richard G. Badger, the Gorham Press, Boston, Mass.

L A T E D I S P A T C H

Wire just received from G. L. Farley, Massachusetts State club leader, gives names of Bay State delegation to national club camp: Agnes Kendrick, Barnstable County; Edna Goodhind, Hampden County; Costas Carrigianus, Middlesex County; Howard Waterman, Plymouth County. More information to follow.

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